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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL'S VISIT TO JAPAN, AUGUST  
12-14, 1976

IN LOW-KEY FAMILIARIZATION VISIT TO TOKYO AUGUST 12-14, ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY HUMMEL HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS INCLUD-  
ING MOFA VICE MINISTER SATO, FINANCE VICE-MINISTER MATSUKAWA, MOFA  
DEPUTY MINISTERS ARITA AND YOSHINO, AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND IO  
BUREAU DIRGENS. PRINCIPAL TOPICS INCLUDED:

1. KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA. MOFA OFFICIALS EXHIBITED UNEASE  
ABOUT TACTICAL SITUATION AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED EARLY  
INTRODUCTION OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION TO ENSURE PRIORITY.

2. POLITICAL SITUATION IN SEA, WHERE SOME OFFICIALS (ESPECIALLY  
YOSHINO) ADVOCATED WHAT SEEMED TO BE OVERZEALOUS MOVES TO FORGE  
LINKS WITH ASEAN AND/OR ESTABLISH NEW REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROUPINGS.

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GOJ OFFICIALS SHOWED NO SPECIAL CONCERN ABOUT EFFECTS OF SRVN MOVES

TOWARD SMILING DIPLOMACY AND SEEMED TO SHARE HUMMEL'S VIEW THAT ASEAN MEMBERS WERE SHOWING APPROPRIATE CAUTION AND SCEPTICISM.

3. HUMMEL AND EMBOFFS SUPPORTED TREASURY DEPSEC YEO'S MEASURED REPRESENTATIONS ON US-JAPAN TRADE IMBALANCE.

4. FISHING AND CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS WERE RAISED BY GOJ OFFICIALS WITH EVIDENCE OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN. US SIDE CONFINED ITSELF TO EXPRESSING HOPES FOR MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTIONS TO ADMITTEDLY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.

5. HUMMEL GAVE BRIEF SUMMARY OF ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING AND CALLED GOJ ATTENTION TO SOVIET OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHWEST PACIFIC NATIONS, AND ANZUS COMMUNIQUE'S LANGUAGE ABOUT NEED FOR INCREASING WESTERN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO COUNTER SOVIET OFFERS.

6. HUMMEL RAISED SUBJECT OF INCREASED AID TO EGYPT WITH ARITA, YOSHINO AND MATSUKAWA. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING SADAT GOVERNMENT AND SAID THEY WOULD DO WHAT THEY COULD. THEY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT EGYPT WAS SLOW IN DRAWING DOWN CREDITS ALREADY EXTENDED BY JAPAN, AND THAT EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC MISMANAGEMENT WAS DISCOURAGING.

7. SUBJECT OF LNG TANKER NEGOTIATIONS ALSO RAISED, AND HUMMEL, WITHOUT GETTING INVOLVED IN DETAILS, POINTED OUT UNFAVORABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR US-JAPAN RELATIONS IF JAPANESE ACTIONS RESULTED IN CANCELLATION OF G-D CONTRACT. YOSHINO UNDERSTOOD USG CONCERNS BUT STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT THERE ARE POWERFUL FORCES AT WORK ON JAPANESE SIDE WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CONTAIN. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN LEST PUBLIC ATTENTION BE DRAWN TO USG QTE PRESSURES UNQTE ON THIS ISSUE AND DREW SOMEWHAT STRAINED PARALLEL WITH LOCKHEED. SHOESMITH

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